

Minutes of the Vale of Grwyney Community Council Meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 at 7.30pm in Llanbedr Village Hall.

**Present:** Mrs Sue Shaw (*Chair*), Mr Ian Maberley (*Vice Chair*), Miss Bridget Barnes, Mr David Sharman, Mrs Elaine Lusted, Mr Roger Llewelyn, Miss Samantha Jones, Mr John Morris & Mr Prydderch Rees. *Also in attendance:* Maria James (*Clerk*).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** County Councillor John Morris. Mr Rees offered his apologies in person explaining he was unable to stay for the full duration of the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mr Rees (*Item 3.1 - related to applicant*).

3. **Planning:**

*Mr Rees left the meeting:*

3.1 **Applications:**

**11/06080/FUL:** Conversion of barn to residential use Pentwyn Farm, Llanbedr, Crickhowell NP8 1SY.  
No objection. Council agreed to support the application.

3.2 **Decisions/Other:**

BBNPA has **permitted** the following applications:

- i) **10/04434/LBC** – Renovation, alteration & extension of existing dwelling, alteration of existing access track & new septic tank – **Tyrywen, Fforest Coal Pit NP7 7LP**
- ii) **10/04682/FUL** – New vehicle access to side garden with parking space – **Rose Cottage, Glangrwyney, Crickhowell NP8 1EE**
- iii) **10/05321/CON** – Conversion of redundant barn to dwelling (variation/renewal of conditions) - **Neuadd Wen Barn, Fforest Coalpit**

**BBNPA - UDP Policy: Demolition & Replacement of Dwellings**

In response to Council's request [Page 906 Item 3.1 (ii)] BBNPA supplied the following extract from the UDP (March 2007):

**Policy ES26: Demolition and Replacement of Dwellings:** Applications to demolish and replace an existing habitable dwelling will be permitted if the design and curtilage of the proposed replacement is sympathetic to the setting and where: i) the existing dwelling is of no particular architectural, historic or visual merit, for which should be conserved; and ii) the proposal, including its access and curtilage, conforms to other policies in this UDP.

4. **County Council Report:** As County Councillor John Morris was unable to attend the meeting there was no County Council Report.
5. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 17/01/11** [Pages 906-909]: Proposed by JM, seconded by DS and agreed the minutes of the January meeting be accepted as a true record subject to the following sentence being inserted under Item 6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust. *"When the application is submitted Wales & West will have to apply for a temporary access for the period of construction."*
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**6.1 Cwrt Y Gollen:** The Public Inquiry commenced on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and is ongoing. SS thanked councillors (*and spouses*) for attending and commented that there has been a lot of support including Crickhowell Town Council, Llanelly Community Council, Kirsty Williams AM, Martin Weale (*A BBNPA Member*), County Councillor John Morris, Peter Ogden (CPRW), as well as local residents. JM thanked the Chair for her input.

Councillors discussed the MoD information produced by the appellant's barrister at the Inquiry. Despite repeatedly asking for copies of the standing orders referred to by the appellant's barrister - this has not been supplied. The appellant requires the permission of the person who supplied the information (*who is not available until 22<sup>nd</sup> February*).

Councillors discussed the flooding aspect and agreed that it is not possible to truly predict what will happen in the future. It was felt the consequences of the proposed development ie increased concreted built areas (including drives/paths) will increase run-off water and the threat of flooding and the consequences to the road network should again be emphasised to the Inspector.

SS reported PCC has now accepted £285,000 for education and are no longer opposing the application. They would like 20% affordable housing on this site and £1million commuted sum for the other 10%. BBNPA are not agreeable to this and want the 30% to be sited at Cwrt Y Gollen.

SS reported the Inspector will submit his recommendation to the appropriate Minister who will then make the final decision. *(A decision will not however be made before the elections in May)*. Councillors discussed lobbying the appropriate Minister and suggested asking Kirsty Williams for advice in this regard. It was also agreed Kirsty Williams, amongst others, should be thanked for speaking. The appeal is anticipated to finish on Thursday, 24 February.

**ACTION:** *SS to contact the MOD at Brecon to determine whether the information relating to the MoD facility at Cwrt y Gollen, tabled at the Inquiry, has been supplied by them.*

**6.2 LDP:** A letter has been received from the BBNPA stating that as a result of responses to the Deposit Consultation proposed new sites or amendments to the Deposit LDP allocations will now be consulted on. These are not authority proposed sites. Whether the Deposit LDP is changed now is a matter for an independent inspector.

A CD has been supplied with a Schedule of Site alternative Representations within the VoG. These are:

- i Springfield – SALT 069 (Previous Ref DBR-LGY-C)
- ii Llanbedr Development Boundary Amendment – SALT 068
- iii Former Army Camp, Glangrwyney – SALT 050 (CS66)

SS reported she has spoken to the BBNPA. Their response was that, if the submitted sites are exactly the same as previously submitted VoGCC should confirm that their previous comments stand. If there are any changes to the sites, ie new/additional information, the VoGCC will need to comment on these. Originally responses were required by 23<sup>rd</sup> March however this date has now been extended to 6<sup>th</sup> April. Members agreed they should study the sites/amendments in their own wards (ie Llanbedr Councillors look into Llanbedr submissions, etc) and report findings back to full Council at the March meeting.

**ACTION:** *Councillors to form sub groups and report findings back to Council as outlined above. Council to then formulate a response for submission to BBNPA.*

**6.3 Vale of Grwyney Community Land Trust Ltd:** SS informed Councillors Mr Howard Tohill, Vice Chairman of the Land Trust, had been in contact as there was a need to arrange a meeting in order to approve the accounts for tax remittance purposes. Mr Tohill is also of opinion that the Land Trust should be disbanded and monies/shares returned. The Clerk confirmed PCC has been informed that the VoGCC are of the opinion that the Land Trust should be disbanded and any residual monies returned.

**RESOLVED:** *Clerk to contact the Wales & West Housing Association requesting they notify the Council when the planning application for the scheme at St Peter's Close is submitted.*

**6.4 Five Councils Liaison Meeting – 7.30pm Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March:** The Clerk confirmed Clare Parsons, Sustainable Communities Manager, BBNPA confirmed that she and a director from BBNPA will attend and speak about the Community Charter. Llangattock CC proposed that the Head Teacher at Crickhowell High School be invited to talk about the Powys CC Secondary Schools and Post 16 Modernisation consultation paper. Councillors discussed the Deposit LDP agreeing this should also be an agenda item. It was agreed the relevant County Councillors should be invited. (Rosemarie Harris, Jeff Holmes, Kathryn Silk & John Morris)

**ACTION:** *Clerk to invite the Head of Crickhowell HS to speak at the meeting and the relevant County Councillors. Catering arrangements to be confirmed at the March Meeting.*

**6.5 Any Other Business:** None reported.

## 7. Finance:

### 7.1 Cheques:

*Clerk's salary (£135) & expenses (£20) - £155*

*Mrs S Shaw –photocopying/stationery/postage expenses for reports for the Public Inquiry - £169.44*

*CRiC Membership - £24*

Proposed by IM, seconded by SJ and agreed to pay the above.

- 8. Highways:** The Clerk reported PCC responded to the report submitted relating to snow/gritting issues stating: *“They are sensitive to the issues referenced. Regrettably, the prolonged period of extreme weather stretched both manpower and machinery resources, which resulted in the Council having to restrict its gritting operations to designated primary routes and thereby excluded the majority of the lower classification road network.”* They also state *“every effort will be made over coming months to remedy many of the drainage and surface repair works across the network.”*

Councillors instructed the Clerk to report the following matters to Highways:

- i. **Llangenny:** pothole down Cwrt Lane; bridge needs repair – damaged by vehicles; trees overhanging highway (from Llangenny bridge through to Glangrwyney)
- ii. **Llanbedr** - Bont Lane needs clearing; potholes.
- iii. **Grwyne Fawr** – 4 grit bins –only one sited on a slope - majority sited on the flat; potholes getting worse due to timber lorries; roads extremely muddy also due to the forestry operations – (*IM to contact Forestry Commission*).
- iv. **Partrishow** – grit bin request –opposite driveway to The Neuadd – also at junction of hill where the road divides (to Partishow church and The Neuadd).
- v. **Glangrwyney** – despite having previously been reported the paviers by bus stop have not been repaired - tree root has lifted them; obstruction on the footway over the Bailey bridge – (Gilwern side) – hole on Glangrwyney side of bridge.

**ACTION:** Clerk to report above to Highways & IM to contact the Forestry Commission

## 9. Reports on Other Meetings:

- i. **One Voice Wales AGM:** JM attended. The Chief Executive spoke on problems experienced with LDP/BBNPA. PCC has started recycling project. JM suggested it be extended to outlying areas. PCC to be asked to extend the service to Grwyne Fawr and Grwyne Fechan areas. It should be noted PCC currently collect recycled items provided they are bagged separately.
- ii. **Llanbedr School:** DS, JM and SS met with the Head, Mrs Lilly to ascertain the school's needs should any benefit be derived from the affordable housing scheme adjacent to St Peter's Close. New computers were discussed.

## 10. Correspondence:

- 10.1 PRP Newsletter – *The Regenerator*
  - 10.2 Ian Jones – Letter & Email regarding Springfields –*Distributed.*
  - 10.3 PCC – Secondary School & Post 16 Modernisation in Powys – *Informal Consultation Document* There are a series of public meetings scheduled – Crickhowell – 14<sup>th</sup> March at The High School. Proposals for Brecon/Crickhowell include:- **Pre 16** – establish a two or three site school with a single governing body. Existing school sites to be utilised. **Welsh Medium** – Option 1 – provide a Welsh medium stream on one site (Brecon). Option 2 – cease to provide any Welsh medium provision. Option 3 – establish a designated Welsh medium school in this area that would serve all of South Powys. **Post 16** – Option 1 - post 16 education is managed by a new partnership between PCC and Coleg Powys – this area would be served by a Post 16 Learning Hub in Brecon that would provide a wide range of subjects. A smaller range of A levels could be provided on the Crickhowell sites. Option 2 – Post 16 education is managed by a single organisation such as Coleg Powys – all post 16 education would be delivered by this single organisation at Learning Hubs across the county. Responses required by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2011 - To be placed on April agenda.
  - 10.4 OVW – Tidy Towns Community Led Funded Projects 2011/12- noted.
  - 10.5 Llanbedr Hall Association – Revised Terms & Conditions – noted.
  - 10.6 The Electoral Commission – Referendum on law making powers of the National Assembly for Wales – noted.
  - 10.7 WAG – Section 137 Expenditure Limit for 2011/12 - £6.44 per elector – noted.
  - 10.8 BBNPA Local Access Forum – Minutes of September 2010 Meeting – noted.
  - 10.9 Society of Local Council Clerks – Welsh Training Bursary – noted.
  - 10.10 Email Enquiry - Glangrwyney Paper Mill - Clerk to contact
- Previously Circulated:**
- 10.11 Closure of Crickhowell Bridge for Repair Purposes

## 11. Miscellaneous/Late Items:

- 11.1 Garth Roberts – letter of resignation as Vale of Grwyney Governor at Llanbedr School
- 11.2 OVW – Letter from PCC –Candidate Sites to be identified across the County (excluding BBNP)
- 11.3 OVW - Policy Consultation/Volunteer Responders - An opportunity for every member to consider becoming a volunteer responder to sector policy consultations.
- 11.4 BDO Audit Guide - clerk
- 11.5 BBNPA – Inviting views on the UDP Draft Guidance Note which provides detail on the interpretation/implementation of policies in relation to the design of new shop fronts. Response required by 1<sup>st</sup> April - DS

## 12. AOB

**Notice Boards** – the Clerk stated the Notice boards in Glangrwyney and Llangenny have been reported as needing repair. RL to investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.37 pm.